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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) OFFICIAL WHO HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN ROMANIAN PREPARATIONS FOR UNCSTD AND ECE REGIONAL MEETING, TOLD SCIATT MAY 31 THAT GOR DISTURBED AND DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE ECE NATIONS APPARENTLY WILL COME TO BUCHAREST FOR REGIONAL MEETING UNPREPARED TO MAKE OR DISCUSS SUB-STANTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION FOR UNCSTD. ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL, ROMANIA HAD MADE SERIOUS EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT BUCHAREST MEETING WOULD PRODUCE DECISIVE RESULTS RATHER THAN VAPID SPEECHES. HOWEVER, GOR PROPOSAL TO HOLD INFORMAL MEETING OF EXPERTS IN GENEVA MAY 8-10 TO DISCUSS DRAFT PROPOSALS FOR ACTION PREPARED BY ECE STAFF HAD BEEN CANCELED DUE TO OPPOSITION OF COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES AND OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE REAL FOCUS FOR REGIONAL MEETING HAD SLIPPED AWAY. OFFICIAL SAID U.S. APPEARED TO BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ONLY ECE NATION WITH POSITIVE APPROACH TO UNCSTD.
OTHERS, INCLUDING SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, HAD DOG-INTHE MANGER ATTITUDE TOWARD REAL PROBLEM OF TECHNOLOGY
TRANSFER TO DEVELOPING NATIONS.

2. MFA OFFICIAL ALSO INFORMED SCIATT THAT GOR NOT GIVING UP ITS EFFORT TO MAKE BUCHAREST MEETING

SUCCESSFUL. ROMANIAN AMBASSADORS IN ECE CAPITALS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE NEW DEMARCHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS URGING MINISTERIAL LEVEL REPRESENTATION AT BUCHAREST AND THAT DELEGATIONS COME PREPARED TO MAKE CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION. IN ADDITION, TO THIS LAST-DITCH DIPLOMATIC EFFORT, OFFICIAL SAID THAT AT OUTSET OF REGIONAL MEETING, ROMANIAN DELEGATION WILL PRESS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE DRAFT PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR PRESENTATION TO DELEGATES BEFORE MEETING ADJOURNS. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL, GOR WILL PROBABLY SEEK USDEL SUPPORT FOR THIS INITIATIVE AND FOR U.S. REPRESENTATION ON PROPOSED WORKING GROUP.

3. SCIATT GAVE OFFICIAL COPIES OF SUMMARY PAPER OF INITIATIVES PREPARED BY NRC AND SHORT DESCRIPTION PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL FOR FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL TECHNICAL COOPERATION AS ILLUSTRATIONS OF KINDS OF ACTIONS U.S. CONSIDERING IN UNCSTD CONTEXT. AGGREY

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